

THE CHANUTE TIMES.

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CHANUTE, KANSAS.

KANSAS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The Modern Tonties is the name of a new lodge at Valley Center.

Meade county contributed \$5,000 to the state treasury last week.

Oberlin people gave up \$100 to a musical director for a week's drill.

The usual number of engagements will follow the Winfield Chautauqua.

It is a legal holiday and all the stores close at Stafford when the base ball club plays.

There will be five Fourth of July celebrations in McPherson county all on the 3d.

The report sent out from Finney county regarding the big cherry crop is a bouncer.

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The date fixed upon for the Parsons old soldiers' reunion is from the 20th to the 25th of September.

The Crescent Produce company, which has hitherto been located at Peabody, has moved to Newton.

The city council of Phillipsburg has decided to quit licensing "hop ten" places and the boys are going dry.

The Wichita girls who attended the Chautauqua Assembly, say chiggers and shirt waists are a mean combination.

At Atchison John J. Ingalls has appeared in a new linen suit and when he gets between you and the sun he looks like an X ray exhibition.

Ellsworth will celebrate the 121st anniversary of American independence in a style that will make the continental fathers feel proud if they knew it.

In his lecture at Topeka entitled "From the Ball Room to Hell," Pastor Sims of Wichita said: "Why, if a hair-brained, silly, mimicking, foolish, sleek, well-groomed, dancing master, or any other dancing man, should wait around the ball room with my wife, I would hunt him up the next morning and kick him around the public square if I could do it. If I couldn't do it, I would hire the biggest darkey in town to do it for me. It would be done."

The McPherson Republican says: "A story is told of a Russian in this country who was engaged to marry his cousin. He consulted with a friend about the probable expense and was told that he could not marry her in this state. He then asked how much would be the expense of a trip to Nebraska, and found out that it would cost him over \$40. "Och," exclaimed the disappointed would-be bridegroom, "that is too much cost. There is another girl down there I can get, and I will. It don't make much difference, nobow."

The judge of the district court and county attorney inspected the Sumner county jail and have made their report to the commissioners. Among other things they give a list of the fare furnished. It is as follows: For breakfast, fried salt meat of some kind, potatoes and frequently eggs, good bread, molasses, good coffee, oatmeal almost every morning, and gravy when wanted. For dinner, boiled beef, potatoes, or if not potatoes, beans, gravy, coffee, sometimes cabbage, molasses and bread. The only thing they desired particularly that they did not have was fruit of some sort.

A Marion citizen has invented a novel windmill. It consists of a lot of galvanized iron slats arranged in upright cylinder form, working on ball bearings, with weights suspended to maintain the mill's equilibrium. Beneath the mill is a circular platform with numerous tin horses and jockeys astride, all fantastically painted. When the mill is in motion these figures chase each other around the "race course," while above them in a judge's stand a lot of tin judges watch the contest.

A wife recently returned home to Brown county after a long absence and found installed as mistress of her home a negro woman who had won the affections of her husband by taking care of her children. The husband advised her to apply for a bill of divorce, saying that she had sufficient reason for doing so. He then left the county with the colored woman. A few days afterwards she drove to town, and when she came back her children were gone. She can find no trace of colored woman, husband or children.

The same muchly-married man story that has just gone the rounds of the press made the circuit four years ago. Williams, of Osage county, had four wives then. The correspondents should have given him six or eight this time.

THE YELLOW KID, a new humorous semi-monthly published by Howard, Ainslee & Co., of New York, is bidding for favor, which it will certainly receive as it is strictly up to date. Its humor is of the refreshing kind; price only five cents, which should insure success.

Holington is figuring on a new flouring mill.

No one made light of the meteor when it was in mid-air.

The Anthony base ball club has pretty new uniforms.

There is a bunch of 1,000 cattle in Barber county owned by a young lady.

The flax and oats crop throughout the state of Kansas is reported to be good.

The potato crop in Kansas this year is said to be better than for several years.

Some of the people at Newton claimed that the earth trembled during the flight of the meteor.

A large corrugated iron car shop is under construction at Topeka at which place 100 men are employed, and another large force is working on the new branch tracks into the car shop and the new main line track from the starch factory to Fourth street. It is expected that the work on both the tracks and car shop will be completed early in July.

There appears to be a spirit of rivalry in Waterville, and especially among the women, as to who can outdo the other in the erection of homes. Mrs. Flora Berry, wife of ex-State Senator E. A. Berry, is overseeing the erection of a handsome residence, while Mrs. Mary Thompson, widow of N. R. Thompson, is building a \$6,000 residence in the Queen Anne style, with all the latest modern improvements. Mrs. Sarah Thompson, widow of James Thompson, contemplates the erection of a residence in the near future, which, if carried out, will eclipse anything in the residence order in Waterville. The homes of S. T. Powell, Frank P. Thorne, J. D. Flannery and J. P. Bartis are costly as well as attractive.

A Cowley county citizen writes to the Winfield Courier as follows: Secretary Coburn sent his report on alfalfa and in it told how this plant would penetrate "gumbo" and render it porous and greatly improve the soil. There is a layer of gumbo under my orchard and to improve the soil I sowed alfalfa a couple of months ago. Along comes a man who tells me that his father had an orchard killed by alfalfa. Here was a dilemma, and I wrote to the secretary for information and received an answer which it would be well for the people of Cowley county to know. He says: "Don't sow alfalfa in an orchard, and especially in a young orchard. Wherever it has been tried it has proven disastrous to the orchard. Alfalfa is a strong root-growing plant and a great drinker. It will absorb the moisture from the ground and rob the trees of nourishment, and eventually kill the orchard."

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Work on the skimming station at Milan is progressing finely. The building is now enclosed and will soon be ready for the machinery, which has already arrived. As soon as the machinery is put in order operations will begin at once, as 230 milk cans have been received to start with.

Henry Billings of Catron, Kansas, an armless soldier, sold his grocery store to another armless veteran this week, and the Catron Gazette chronicles the fact by saying: "The Billings grocery has changed hands."

A big turtle has taken up headquarters in the dam at El Dorado, and none of the boys dare go in swimming there according to reports. Same thing true of Winfield. Same thing true of Emporia. Do you see? Scheme to keep the boys from swimming.

The proprietors of the Blue Valley creamery at Marysville paid the farmers of that vicinity more than \$25,000 for milk during the past year. This creamery has been in operation more than three years, and is one of the solid institutions of the town.

Bill White warns cattlemen to go slow in paying big prices for steers. Bill doesn't know anything about the subject but a man has been talking to him who does.

The musical critics who attended the last band concert at McPherson, decided that the uniforms harmonized beautifully.

Colonel Gilpatrick of Leavenworth has gone to Washington to arrange for the concentration of all the United States troops at Leavenworth at the G. A. R. reunion there in October.

A dancing party was one of the attractions at Ottawa during the Chautauqua.

A new fraternal insurance order has been organized with squeegees at Howard.

There has not been a divorce suit in Stanton county for five years. No cause.

A lawn tennis set has been purchased at Turon and the march of progress is onward.

This hot weather has driven Governor Eskridge to favor licensing beer joints at Emporia.

When a Johnson county girl thought she saw a cyclone coming she put on her Sunday stockings.

A Medicine Lodge man was fined \$10 and costs for pulling teeth without having a state diploma.

Society in Emporia is so dull that the usual reception to the "Spoons" was omitted when they played there last week.

A young lady in Minneapolis put on her brother's trousers and rode a man's bicycle down street. The people there will not get over it for a long time.

Hodgeman county has \$8,000 more cash than it needs and has put it out at interest. Hodgeman is one of those "wild cat western counties," we don't think.

The Wichita girl who went into a general store and inquired for "garden hose" was surprised when the clerk brought a black pair with yellow stripes, assuring her they were the latest for garden parties.

Several months ago Bradley Gordon, a young Cowley county man, was accidentally shot in the neck with a .22 caliber revolver, the bullet entering the neck at the front of the right side. It did not go through and its exact location was never discovered, although every effort to locate it was made. Dr. Pugh the attending physician, decided to try the efficacy of the X-rays. A skyograph was taken from the side of the neck at which the bullet entered, and although the test was very unsatisfactory, the bullet was located not far from the surface on the opposite side.

Topeka is to have another new creamery and butter factory. Workmen are busy remodeling the old building and it is to be equipped with a separator and churns. The building has been used by the Topeka cash meat market which went out of business several months ago and the refrigerators are already there so that the work of preparing the building for the new business is not a great task. New floors are being put in the front room which will be used for an office and double floors will be built in the rear room where the separator and churns will be placed. The Knickerbocker Creamery company is putting in the plant. The company has had its headquarters in Topeka but no attempt has been made to receive milk or cream there. The principal plant has been at Eskridge and there are several skimming stations in other places. The cream from the Eskridge plants and the skimming stations will be received at Topeka and made into butter as soon as the work of remodeling the building is completed. This gives Topeka the second creamery this year. The Kansas creamery company is in full blast and doing well and Topeka is the headquarters for dozens of creameries owned by that company. The new creamery will not be so large as the other, but the projectors hope to build up a big business in Kansas and make Topeka headquarters. E. C. Talcott will be in charge of the Topeka plant of the Knickerbocker Creamery company.

The present record is that that meteor fell in forty-nine different places.

Newton girls have such warm times at home that they have to visit neighboring towns to catch up with their sleep.

Will White has gone to Washington and it is thought he will be named postmaster at Emporia and end the fight.

Harper people are demanding a new time card on the Hutchinson & Southern and threaten to walk if the don't get it.

The normal institute at Ness City has more pretty school teachers in attendance than ever before.

An Atchison woman is going to the women with a subscription paper asking for money to enable her husband to take a trip this summer. She says he needs a trip far more than their ministers.

"The Benton," a steamboat went up the Missouri river the other day past Leavenworth, stopping at Omaha. That shows how much it has ranged in the Missouri Valley this spring.

A Topeka young man who was heels over head in love with a young lady at that place, called at her home one evening recently and finding her alone in the gloaming began to pour out his soul and eloquently besought her to become his "bonnie bride." When he had concluded his appeal, he tremblingly awaited an answer. It came. The mother said: "You had better see Daisy about that. I'm not up in such matters." He had been talking to Daisy's mother all the time! He hasn't had courage to see Daisy yet.

PRUNING SHRUBS.

A portion of the subject of pruning trees and shrubs is here quoted from Vick's Magazine for April:

Among hardy shrubs and vines grown for ornament and fruit, we find that certain ones produce their bloom directly from buds that were formed the previous season; while others flower from buds that appear on new branches of the present season's growth. Of the former we may instance nearly all kinds of fruit trees, as well as many flowering shrubs, of which let us mention the flowering almond as an example. Take a branch of the flowering almond that has, say, thirty buds; cut it back to two or three buds and only a few flowers will follow, because you have cut away nearly all of the flowering buds.

Of the other class referred to let us take the grape vine, or the hardy plumed hydrangea, as an example. In these, as stated, the new bloom proceeds from buds on new branches of the same season's growth. Thus if a branch of hydrangea likewise has thirty buds, the same as did the flowering almond referred to, and we likewise cut this back to two or three buds, the result will be quite different. From the two or three buds that remain there will spring up new branches, which will, under favorable circumstances, be loaded with bloom. No diminution in the crop will have resulted from cutting back to a few buds, but instead the product will be much finer than if no pruning had taken place.

The lesson briefly summed up is this: Prune off the first named class very sparingly, or not at all, in the spring, beyond removing any dead or superfluous wood. This class includes the following well known kinds: Fruit trees and nearly all flowering trees, ornamental almonds, plums, cherries, currants, lilacs, mock oranges, weigelas, calycanthus, dogwood, forsythias, honeysuckle, deutzia, Japan quince, privets, viburnums, azaleas, kalmias, rhododendrons, daphnes, etc. The best time to prune the foregoing is immediately after flowering.

Regarding the other class named, hydrangea, as a rule, either in the fall or else in the spring.

Some of our other most important shrubs belong to this class, and subject to the same general rule, less rigidly applied than in the case of the grape. Of such we will name Altheas or rose of Sharon, amorpha, burning bush, bladder senna, camellias, genistas, hydrangeas, hypericums, locusts, spiraeas and roses. Of these the hydrangea will stand very close pruning. Roses should be pruned according to their vigor; as a rule the stronger the growth the less should be the pruning, varying this by cutting from about one-half to two-thirds of the last season's growth, according to vigor. In the case of climbing roses or other vines, including the grape, it becomes necessary, of course, to provide leading branches that are not to be cut back annually. The annual cutting in such cases applies only to the side branches.

Peasant Proprietors in France.

M. Pierre Duchamp has in Le Bulletin an interesting article on peasant proprietors in France. He points out that the greater portion of the cultivated territory is in the hands of small owners, and then asks whether that position is good or bad. On the one hand, it is urged that this division of the property prevents the adoption of the most economical methods of cultivation, whilst, on the other, it is contended that the land is best cultivated by those who live on it and give it their whole attention. He does not directly discuss these two points, but merely remarks that it is undeniable that the division of property gives to the greatest number of persons the means of livelihood out of their own property, and that the result is the breaking up more and more of the large owners.

From a social point of view, the small proprietary has unquestionable advantages, and there are few countries where in proportion to population there are so many landed proprietors as there are in France. On reference to the report of the inquiry made by the minister of agriculture in 1882, it is shown that the number of holdings below 25 acres was 11,255,374, whilst those from 25 to 50 acres were only 696,579, and those above 50 acres 163,324. The number of agricultural holdings below 2½ acres was 2,167,607, representing 38.2 per cent of the whole; those from 2½ acres to 12½ acres numbered 1,865,878, whilst from 12½ to 25 acres there were 769,152. It is thus seen, says M. Duchamp, that the small proprietors are worthy of the solicitude of parliament from all points of view, since it represents the small fortunes of a large number of people. Until recently parliament has not taken much account of the taxes which the small proprietors have to pay, but now that there are in that chamber such men as MM. Siegfried, Delaunay, Bidaud, Camille Krantz, and Guillemet, who have made it known how much the agricultural fortune of France depends upon this class of their countrymen, more may be done. They have just introduced a measure calculated to facilitate the creation and maintenance of such holdings. The object of the proposition is to apply to owners of land not exceeding 12½ acres in extent, and of the value of £200, the law of November, 1894, under which committees can be appointed to promote the erection of suitable dwelling houses for letting or sale, by advancing money to be paid for by those who require it either in instalments or at a fixed sum. This law has already been of signal service to workpeople in towns, who have been able to become proprietors of their houses on very favorable terms, and it is now proposed that small landowners should have similar beneficial help. Complaint is made of the decrease of

the population, an evil which the last census shows is growing, and it is, therefore, considered necessary in order to keep the land worker in the country that he should be in a position not only to earn a livelihood, but secure a home for his family, which he will not readily give up when he is the owner.

Some Facts Worth Knowing.

A weak solution of tea will keep the hair from falling out.

A little soda added to milk that is just on the turn will sweeten it again.

A hot water compress, just as hot as you can bear it, is the very best thing to stop a cut from bleeding.

A paste made of powdered rotten stone and oil will polish tortoise shell like new. Apply briskly with a piece of flannel.

It is always proper to throw the head back when the nose is bleeding, and a piece of paper put between the upper lip and the gum will stop the hemorrhage.

Kerosene or sweet oil will soften boots or shoes that have been hardened by wetting. The shoe should be warmed gently over a fire and the oil rubbed in with the hand.

Borax will whiten the hands beautifully if a little is put in the water when washing. It is also excellent for whitening clothes, especially when they have been laid away for some time and have become yellow.

Any article made of white flannel will retain its original bluish tint if when put away for some time it is wrapped in an old piece of white muslin that has been dipped in a strong solution of common washing blue.

Cutting corns only makes them grow more. Soaking the feet and rubbing them with pumice stone is much better, and if persisted in, say using it twice a week, will keep the feet in splendid condition.

Newspapers torn in scraps will clean the inside of a bottle of carafe as well as shot, and this simple thing, when wet and then torn apart and strewn upon the carpet when sweeping, will absorb the dust and help brighten the carpet.

A beefsteak that is inclined to be at all tough may be much improved if it is well rubbed over on both sides with a mixture of olive oil and vinegar. After the steak has been covered with this preparation allow it to remain in a cool place two or three hours before broiling.

The Motor Bicycle.

The motor bicycle is being pushed by its manufacturers, especially in England, but whether it will become popular and general is a matter for the future to reveal. It never can become so among those who use the wheel for exercise and from love of sport. It is too much like mounting the wooden horse of a modern merry-go-round instead of a real and spirited animal, but there is a large class of would be riders to whom the motor wheel offers much enjoyment. These are the women who love the great out-of-doors, but find their strength unequal to the effort of pushing a wheel through long distances, especially uphill. It is, of course, more sport-like than staying in a carriage dragged about by a pony, and that unexciting and specific pleasure has given delight for centuries; and so, although the motor bicycle may receive the ridicule of the strong and vigorous sportsman, it still merits the consideration of the weaker woman. The bicycle form is preferable to the tri-cycle, although the latter can be mounted and ridden without learning the difficult process of balance, but it is far less serviceable for general use. On the asphalt street, of course, everything is serene, but if there are sharp turns to be made or unevenness in the road which elevate one wheel much above the other overturning is an easy thing, for the new tri-cycles have the twin wheels placed only a few inches apart.—Illustrated American.

To prepare scalloped asparagus: Wash the asparagus and cut the tender part in two-inch lengths, and boil them in salted water for ten minutes. Boil four eggs hard and chop them fine. Butter an earthen dish and put a layer of asparagus in the bottom. Scatter some of the egg over it and season with salt and pepper. Repeat until the dish is filled, having for the last layer the vegetable. Make a sauce of two tablespoonsful of butter and the same of flour. When this is cooked gradually stir in two cups of milk, and cook until it thickens. Season with a dash of cayenne, and pour it over the prepared asparagus; cover the top with a layer of bread crumbs, and sprinkle grated cheese on top. Bake in a hot oven from ten to fifteen minutes. An attractive way to serve asparagus for a course luncheon is in bread patties. Cut the bread in slices an inch and a half thick. With a large biscuit cutter cut the slices into circles and, using a smaller cutter, take out the inside for a little more than half way through. Dip these cases into boiling lard to color them a delicate brown, and place them where they will keep hot. Cut the head from the asparagus and cook them in salted boiling water fifteen minutes. Drain them and pile them in the bread patties. Pour over the asparagus a cream sauce.

Washing the hands in a little mustard water and then rinsing them well is excellent for cleansing them after handling substances with an unpleasant odor. Knives and cooking vessels may also be readily freed from odor by being treated in like manner.

A German correspondent at Shanghai notes the curious absence of all feeling and desire for revenge against the Japanese among the Chinese. They are now establishing factories and get their supplies from Japanese rather than from Europeans or Americans.

Mr. Richfield Mansfield has announced his intention of being his own manager next season, and that in spite of the earnest warnings of the gentlemen who have undertaken that office in the past.

Our idea of grief is when the parents of a pupil travel a great many miles to see him graduate, and he breaks down before them.

More ducks are raised and eaten in China than in any other country in the world. But it must be remembered there are about 400 million Chinamen to feed.

Have the rains and warm sun started a growth of weeds and formed a crust over the corn fields? In getting rid of the one we break up the other and we shall be all right for another ten days.

There is no better sign of promise for the future of agriculture than that our farmers and farmers' sons are seeming to appreciate the value of a higher education in things applying directly to their occupation.

We can not expect a large yield of tubers without a good growth of vine; yet, if planted too close on moist, rich or too heavily shaded soil, the foliage of potatoes may some times develop at the expense of the crop.

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In spite of the cure which Chicago takes to boil its drinking water, there were in that city in May thirty-one suicides, 100 deaths from violence and the total number from all causes was 1,709.

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